



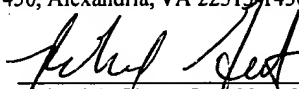
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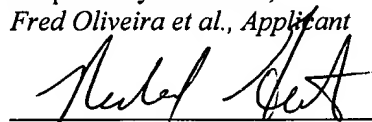
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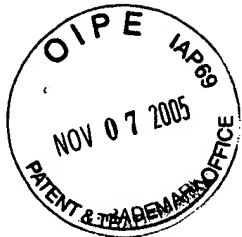
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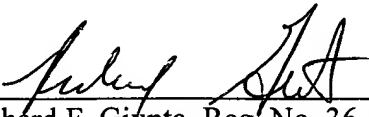
The reasons for allowance indicate a number of features in the allowed claims that are believed to distinguish over the prior art of record. Applicants agree that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art of record, but respectfully points out that some of the features recited as distinguishing over the prior art of record (e.g., a processor that executes an out of band command and a controller component of a host), while present in independent in claim 15, are not found in some of the other independent claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the Examiner has simply provided a short hand explanation as to why the claims distinguish over the prior art, but that the explanation is not intended to limit in any way the claims as allowed, as each is patentable over the prior art solely based upon the limitations included therein. If the Examiner disagrees, he is

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